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NOTICE.

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BETHEL LOCALS.

Items of Interest. What Our People Talk About.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Spring has come.

Geo. Chapman of Andover, was in town Saturday.

A. E. Herrick Esq. was in Portland Saturday on business.

Revs. Jordan and Barton exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Editor Sanborn of the *Norway Advertiser* was in town Friday, and made a pleasant call at the NEWS office.

The Ladies' Literary Society of the M. E. church will meet this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Mrs. Ira Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young entertained a large number of friends at a delightful whist party, Friday evening.

The Bethel Chair Co. have cut and hauled over one million feet of spruce and hard wood lumber the past winter.

Humors, pimples, and boils, are very annoying. They quickly disappear when the blood is purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Any of our readers desiring a steady job with good pay will do well to read the advertisement, "Men Wanted," in another column.

Chas. Glidden, a brother to R. W. Glidden, the photographer, returned from Worcester, Mass., last week, and will work at the chair factory this summer.

Mrs. Gilbert Tuell was called to Brattleboro, Vt., Sunday night by the serious illness of her fourteen year old brother. Mr. Tuell accompanied her as far as Gorham.

Rev. Mr. Barton has been called to attend six funerals within the last two weeks.

Mr. Fred Fogg and sister of Brownfield, were the guests of Rev. Barton and wife last Monday.

Regular chorus rehearsal Thursday evening as usual, if fine; if not, the rehearsal will be held the following evening.

Those wishing for bargains in spring dress goods should visit or write to Oswald & Armstrong, Lewiston. See advertisement on another page.

Geo. Plaisted while crossing the railroad track at Gilead one day last week, was thrown from his sleigh and dragged several rods before he was able to get his spirited horse in check. Fortunately he escaped without serious injury.

Posters are out announcing a concert by the Bethel chorus in the Congregational church, Tuesday, April 6th. All has been said that can be said about it through these columns, and the public are asked to keep it in mind. The programe will be published in next week's NEWS.

Should any one doubt the ability of the administration to promote the interests of the wool grower, let them talk with Messrs Henry and Wallace Farwell, who will tell them, that upon the very day that congress assembled, four of their sheep produced nine lambs.

"Hard times, hard times, come again no more."

Mrs. Gehring, assisted by friends, will give a Benefit to the Ladies Club, Tuesday evening, March 30th at Garland Chapel.

Miss Lilian True will play one of Liszt's fantasies; Mr. Snyder will sing some of his charming songs; Mr. Simpson, having shown how well he can act the part of a society woman, will assume the role of a society man in a comedietta, with Miss Twaddle as leading lady. Miss Ethel Richardson will pose as a living daffodil, and, by special request, Mrs. Gehring will read one of the "Sonny" stories entitled, "Sonny keepin' company." Ices and cake will be served. Curtain at 7.45. Tickets 20c.

Gentlemen's Night of The Federation of Clubs.

The salient feature of that altogether successful affair, the Gentlemen's Night, given by the Bethel Federation of Women's Clubs at Garland Chapel last Wednesday evening, proves conclusively that the new organization is thoroughly alive to the possibilities embodied in one clause of its constitution at least. For friendly smiles, cordial grasps and gracious words, the very essence of that social culture, which it avows as one of its reasons for being, were everywhere seen, felt and heard, and the concerted expression of all this wealth of good feeling and sympathy gave to the occasion a charm peculiarly its own. That last phrase implies, the reporter is aware, a most unfortunate confession. But why not frankly admit our sometime faults of reticence, restraint and reserve, which have too often marred the good cheer of social gatherings? Surely as, or since this body of clear-headed, warm-hearted village women have afforded us such a happy inaugural exhibition of their methods of working, we may safely regard them as things of the past.

Shortly after eight o'clock, nearly all the hundred gentlemen and ladies present, impelled by the spirited music of screened pianists whose skilled touch however readily revealed the identity of Mrs. Gehring and Miss Lilian True, formed a rather irregular but very jolly line of march, and the promenading and chatting were sustained for sometime at a lively pace, quickly followed however by a ready silence, when it was announced that Mr. B. C. Snyder would favor the company with a solo. It was a delicate compliment on Mr. Snyder's part to give on this occasion, the composition of a Maine Club woman, of whom all Maine Club women are justly proud, Miss Kate Vannah's "Good Bye, Sweet Day," which he sang with a high degree of finish. In response to an enthusiastic encore, he gave a sweet little English ballad.

The daintily arranged refreshment tables, gracefully presided over by Mesdames Philbrook and Wiley, and Misses Frye and Purington, next received attention, and the deft and gracious service of the nine young ladies, who, under the supervision of Miss Bertha Wiley, assisted at the tables, added greatly to the charm of this by no means unimportant feature of the evening. It goes without saying, that the tables were not left till adieus were said, and that the latter were accompanied by the warmest expressions of pleasure and appreciation. It should be stated that the success of the evening was largely due to the untiring efforts of our president, Miss Annie Cross, and her sister, Mrs. G. P. Bean, in whose hands, assisted by the Federation Vice Presidents, were the fortunate arrangements, which gave such happy results.

WAR REMINISCENCES

OF THE BETHEL COMPANY, Company I, Fifth Maine Regiment.

BY COL. CLARK S. EDWARDS.

NUMBER XII.

Our last number left us in camp at New Baltimore. September 15, we broke camp and left for Warrenton, and at this time commenced the fall campaign of '63, under Mead. Our first move was to Culpepper; and here we remained until October 3, when we moved back to Warrenton, remaining there two or three days, thence back to the front again *via* Culpepper, Pony, Cedar, and Slaughter mountains to the Rapidan river where the 5th Maine went on picket, the rebels within a few rods on the opposite side. We left here on October 10 and moved back again by Culpepper and Brandy Station, to Rappahannock, arriving there Sunday afternoon. Monday, October 12, we were ordered back again toward the front. I presume some of the Bethel boys will remember that beautiful afternoon. Our lines of battle were formed fully one mile in length; our cavalry moved in front, then came the infantry in many lines, all keeping perfect time to the inspiring music of the bands; following the infantry were our batteries of more than one hundred and fifty cannon. Such a view of the Potomac army was never seen, as we were on a plain over five miles square and as level as a floor. A portion of the rebel army was stationed near John Miner Botts' plantation, a lovely home on the rising ground south of us. Their view of our lines, marching straight as an arrow, with muskets burnished so that they glistened like diamonds in the bright sun, made such an impression upon them that some of the prisoners taken later remarked, that they thought the whole North was coming down upon them.

The rebels had been following us up from the Rapidan, and Mead, not favoring this kind of manœuvring, thought to have *his* turn in the play, so drove the Confederates back to Brandy, our cavalry pushing them on through Culpepper towards the Rapidan. I presume Mead had come to the conclusion that he would throw down the gauntlet and offer Lee battle, but the rebel chief did not "see it in that light," as he, at this time, was trying the game that "Stonewall" Jackson played on McLellan on the Peninsular in '62, which was, to throw a portion of his forces into the rear of the Union army, thus cutting off our supplies. Mead continued falling back until he reached Centreville and here he made a stand. During this time we had a fight in the cut near the station at Bristow. The 6th Corps was not engaged. The fight was by Gen. Warren and was a brilliant affair. He captured four hundred and fifty prisoners and one battery with but slight loss. I think the 19th and 20th Maine were in this fight. We remained at Centreville two days and followed the rebels back to the Rappahannock. We found the railroad torn up from Manassas Junction to the Rappahannock river, bridges and railroad ties burned, and rails so twisted that they could not be used.

Mead concluded that this kind of work would hardly pay, so he went into camp on the Warrenton branch road near the city, where he remained until November 7.

On November 6, we received orders to have four day's cooked rations in haversacks and be ready to move at five o'clock the next morning. Accordingly, our regiment was already in line at early daylight and at the sound of the bugle the 6th Corps, followed by the 5th, started for Rappahannock Station. The 3rd Corps, commanded by Gen. French, was to cross the river below, at Kelley's Ford. *Twelve* o'clock found us facing the redoubts and it was a proud day for the Bethel Company and the 5th Maine, notwithstanding our heavy losses. *Seven* o'clock in the evening found us making a charge on the enemy's rifle-pits, which was not fully completed until about 10 P. M. More than *twelve hundred prisoners were captured*, though not a single gun on our part was fired, yet the bayonet was freely used. The battle-flags of four Confederate regiments were captured by members of the 5th Maine. James A. Littlefield of Company I, captured the flag of the 7th North Carolina regiment.

As the flags were presented Gen. Mead, he bestowed high compliments upon the bravery of the command. The boys were joyous over the honorable and meritorious recognition given them by their noble commander.

Rapphannock Station will ever be remembered by the Bethel company as the place where a large portion of a Louisiana brigade was compelled to surrender to six or eight men, and two of that number were of the Bethel company; one still living, and the other mouldering into dust in that great National cemetery at Fredericksburg. I refer to that kind-hearted, brave and generous Jerry Martin, and in that fight I well remember that I placed in his arms seventeen swords, many of which had belts attached making nearly one hundred pounds weight. Jerry wrote to his father and mother; "The old Colonel placed in my arms as many sabres as I could carry." I think his letters are still kept sacred among his many friends at Rumford. At this time we had disarmed the whole of Hoke's Brigade of North Carolina troops one thousand in number, and as we sent back a hundred or more prisoners to the rear, we would send some thirty or forty of our own boys to guard them, and in this way we soon had but a few left of our regiment. When all were captured, we moved on up the river some twenty rods or more, and here found another body of troops in line of battle. We looked about us in the dark and found we had only seven or eight of our regiment with us. A few steps farther on, I discovered a group of four or five officers in low conversation. In my rough way I inquired, "What troops are these?" The one nearest replied, "The Louisiana Tigers." I asked, "Who is in command?" His reply was, "Colonel Godwin." "Tell him I would like to see him." "He is here," and one of the party stepped towards me. I introduced myself as Colonel E. of the 5th Maine and we shook hands there in the dark. I then demanded him to surrender his command. He hesitated for a moment and replied, "I must consult with my officers." I told him, "No, not a moment," and I will admit that I used a little deception, but I think the reader will justify me in so doing, under the circumstances. He then surrendered his sword which I immediately returned with my permission to retain it. Colonel Penn who commanded the Louisiana brigade, was not in favor of the surrender, therefore I returned his sword with the same remark which I made to Godwin, but the swords of Colonel Webb and Major Tate I kept, which were included in the seventeen mentioned above. I ordered General Godwin's Adjutant General to disarm his troops and march them past me, which he did at once, and at this time our regiment could not show more than ten men. I will add this item—not a flag was in that brigade; they had either burned them or thrown them into the river. Not more than a half dozen swords were captured from this same brigade, they having followed the colors into the river. Now, if we had had forces enough and had rushed on to those fellows as we did on Hoke's brigade, our capture would have been eight flags instead of four, and our swords would have been seventy instead of fifty—and a national flag and an officer's sword are as dear to a good soldier as life itself. I am proud to say that the Fifth Maine never lost a flag, and captured six on line of battle in a hand to hand fight, which I think is more than any other regiment in the Potomac army can truly say. There may be other regiments which were in at the close, when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, that took as many, or more, than the Fifth, but that would not be while fighting. The flags captured by the Fifth Maine were taken when neither knew who would win the battle. The fine painting now on exhibition in the Bank window represents private James A. Littlefield in a tussle with the rebel color-bearer for the possession of the flag.

I quote from Com. Tyler's poem:

"At Rappahannock Station, too, I know
you well remember,
How we turned the tables on them, that
seventh of November,
When in battle-line we crossed the plain
and rested on the ridge,
'Till the Third Brigade they took the
Fort, also their Pontoon Bridge.
Up rode our gallant Upton then. Said
he, 'My Onesters true,
The Third Brigade has got a prize, and
there is one for you.
We're going now to charge those works;
I know you'll win the fight,
For I shall be there with you, and the
Fifth Maine's on the right!
"'Remember, men, it's getting dark;
when in their works you get,
Reserve your fire, you'll shoot your own,
give them the bayonet!'
Then 'Forward, double-quick' was heard;
our cheers they shook the ground,
And into the rebel works we went as
with a single bound.
And what a host of prisoners, I most
forget the figures;
But 'twas one brigade of 'Tar-heels' and
a whole brigade of 'Tigers.'
When those who fell were cared for, we
laid down for the night
To dream of home and victory, with the
Fifth Maine on the right."

Dennis Daley of the Bethel Company was killed at Rappahannock Station. Daley was a recruit, having joined the Company in June, 1863. Like all of his countrymen from Ireland, he was a good fighter, apparently not knowing such a thing as fear.

BIRTHDAY RECEPTION.

Mrs. Enoch Foster's reception to the Tennis Club and its friends in honor of Mr. Robert Foster's seventeenth birthday last Friday evening, was the most delightful social affair of the winter.

Mrs. Foster's conservatory was robbed to transform the Bethel House dining-room into a charming salon, and fifty friends met to congratulate the young man upon his entrance upon a new year. Those who had known him from baby-hood; those who were schoolmates; Clubmates; sweethearts (for aught we know)—friends of all ages, were glad to be present and share the cordial spirit of the hour.

An exceedingly witty poem was read by Mr. Simpson, written in honor of the occasion, and as the evening drew to a close, Mrs. Herrick, who was unable to be present, contributed her graceful thought in the form of "Reminiscences" woven into rhyme which alternately touched with pathos and convulsed with mirth, the delighted listeners.—Despite a solemn promise given that the poem should not see itself in type, we propose to quote the last few lines and take the consequences.

Mrs. Herrick introduced her hero when at the enthralling age of two, relating some of his pranks and cherished sayings from that time on, and closing with—

"Yet not less dearly shall we hold
The record that is yet untold,
That the fair future shall unfold.
Of noble manhood, pure and bold,
Of all life's burdens bravely borne;
Of well earned laurels justly worn:
Nor shall I the less clearly see
Your manly deeds, because to *me*
Whatever goal your feet may win,
In years this birthnight ushers in,
There still will close beside you go,
The little lad I used to know."

None of those fortunate enough to be present will easily forget the picture of the stately hostess and the fine figure of the young host, as they stood receiving their friends, or will fail to remember the charming way in which Mr. Foster responded to the gay clamor for a "speech" by first thanking his guests for the pleasure given him by their presence, and then generously sharing his birthday with Dr. C. D. Hill, who had been kind enough to plan for one on the same date.

To begin a new year with thought for the pleasure of others is surely to make a step towards the upward climb that leads to true manhood—the manhood of service.

As he goes out from us this coming year into the wider life of college, and from thence into the world of active life—what finer motto could we ask to be graven upon this young knight's shield than, "*Ich dien*" "I serve."

M. G.

WOMEN'S CHIT-CHAT.

"From Grave to Gay, From Lively to Severe."

Written for the NEWS by "Observer."

Sunday.
"We have such a little way to go,
Can be together such a little while
along the way,
We will be patient while we may."

Monday.
"Counting not the cost of broken box, or spilled and fragrant oil."
Susan Coolidge.

Tuesday.
"The disposition to give a cup of cold water is far nobler property than the finest intellect."
Howells.

Wednesday.
"If thou art sad,
Still be in thy brother's gladness glad."
A. E. Hamilton.

Thursday.
"We must live nobly to love nobly."

Friday.
"Kind hearts are here; yet would the tenderest one
Have limits to its mercy. God has none."

Saturday.
"No earth-born will
Could ever trace a faultless line;
Our truest steps are human still;
To walk unswerving were divine."
O. W. Holmes.

Two weeks ago, the Observer brought up the subject of those who by illness were held in bondage, and were thus obliged to see the great world go on without sharing in its activities. There was another class of sufferers alluded to in the article, who appeal to our yet deeper sympathies as being most difficult to help, and whose recoveries are rare and uncertain as to freedom from relapses. She will call this latter class "Moral Shut-Ins."

We women are evidently much more in danger of this sort of jail-life than are men, for the practical friction in the world at large, forces most men out of their shells—and, as the eye of man probably never deigns to fall upon this trivial column of Women's Chit-Chat, we shall not be betraying the secrets of our order, if we frankly admit that we are less broad-minded than men, and therefore need to be deeper-hearted in order to meet them on the world's basis of mutual need, with "level eyes." This, however, is a digression. The Observer was about to bring before you the sufferers who are shut in to their own self-enforced tread-mill of existence. Those who stand outside can see ways of escape, for there are many. The imprisoned ones cannot. Only the captive himself can break the bars, and lack of desire to do so, or lack of knowledge how to use one's tools, keeps them white-faced prisoners.

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The badge of servitude such victims openly wear, is their evident lack of resources.

In the first place it's a great pity that we cannot have *some* things "*out*" with our ancestors. It does seem as though one should have the right of way as to deciding who his ancestors should be, if the law of heredity is as potent as is thought; but as we were not consulted, all we can do is to take a noble revenge, and see that our descendants have as little to complain of as possible.

How then are we to provide resources for ourselves which will keep the will steady and brave, and the heart open and sweet, making believe that we are wholly unhampered by what we have received from past and gone resourceless generations?

How to make a woman's life like an octagon-shaped house with windows open to light and air on all sides? Most of us have been so constructed, or have so constructed ourselves, that we have but a kitchen outlook, or a parlor view, and as for the upper chambers, many of them have sealed blinds. These are questions to be answered as the years roll on.

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The morally Shut-In woman is the legitimate result of the spoiled girl,—the girl who went to school when she felt like it, who studied music or drawing if she felt like it, who was spared all household duties because she didn't feel like it. To this type of girl the little sister never brings the doll to dress; the brother shows no traces of such a sister's influence; the mother is her patient slave; the father the silent bearer of unshared burdens. The lover may find her charming enough, but, alas for the husband and children dependent upon the Shut-In wife and mother.

Do not think for a moment that "Shut-In" in this case means merely a reserved nature, for she may be as garrulous as a babbling brook. Her distinguishing mark is the fact that nothing in all this wide world interests her, but herself. The joys and the sufferings of human beings brought into closest contact with her, draw from her no shadow of responsive feeling. The world at large, the great interests of state and nation are like the plans of the inhabitants of Mars(if there are any) as far as she is concerned. The whole great world of literature, excepting the sensational novel, is barren of interest to her mind. Music and art, for their own inestimable value, the Shut-In delights herself not in; and in conversation, let your topic be deep-sea-dredging, or glacier climbing, she will from such distant point, as straight as a bird flies, bring back the subject to the never-forgotten "Ego."

Public spirit is a thing unknown to such natures; to do anything for the good of a cause, not immediately reflecting some positive good to herself, is a thing not to be expected—much less exacted—and as in the parent's home, so in the husband's home, in the church home, and in the community such women are sorrowful warnings of dangers that encompass us all, and to which we all more or less yield.

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Of course one blessed by God with the inestimable gift of a rich and loving nature, never succumbs to such cruel servitude; and one having a well-trained mind rarely needs permanent helps in order to liberate herself. It is the woman of the resourceless soul, narrowed vision, and undeveloped heart who finds herself steeped in a life-bath of vacant, soundless, shoreless, nameless misery.

Strangely enough it is not by any means the woman who has laid upon her life's heaviest burdens, or keenest disappointments, whom you will find narrowed into an appallingly small environment. For women upon whom great burdens have been laid, one can sometimes see that they have been thought worthy to bear great experiences; and because they show power and great capacities have been given conditions of greatest development.

No! it is the woman in comfortable even luxurious circumstances who, however often denied as to her usually boundless desires, has never really *wanted* for anything. As was before suggested she was the girl whose mother mended her gloves, and cooked her late breakfast, and said that she hoped her girl wouldn't have to have the hard times that she had had, and therefore prepared her child to have a yet "harder time" in the inexorable School of Life.

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The Observer does not believe in diagnosing diseases without having remedies suggested for immediate application, and therefore she proposes to hold a Mother's Meeting in the Chit-Chat column next week, wherein the antidotes to such poisonous conditions in life shall be discussed.

THE PLEASURE OF MEMORY.

BY ADDIE KENDALL MASON.

"Memory is the power to revive again in our minds those ideas which, after imprinting, have disappeared or have been laid aside out of sight."
Richter.

When we reach the sunset slope in the pathway of life and turn for a lingering glance back over its sinuating length, o'er which Time with relentless haste has hurried us on,—when we reach that point in our journey that seems so far off to some of us, yet is ever drawing nearer—we shall, perchance, appreciate more truly the Pleasure of Memory. Yet to-night I find much pleasure in recalling the memories of various trips, taken in the last ten years, to a certain thriving town some forty miles away. The first one was the occasion of my introduction as the younger brother's wife. What my feelings were on that never-to-be-forgotten day, can better be imagined than described. Although claiming the same name for some time, I had never met this brother and his better half, whose praises had been "sung and whistled" to me for years. So putting on a brave face, while in reality I was quaking with a nervous dread, I took that first trip—at its end to raise my face in sheer desperation and look into the calm dark eyes of one who has ever since proven the kindest of brothers to the lonely orphan; always patient with my short-comings, counciling wisely with the grave judgment of mature years. And there is a pleasant memory of that good wife of his, who with her skillful fingers drew such beautiful strains of music from her piano, that even the bachelor David crept unseen beneath the window to surprise us with his noisy applauding, and his "Bravo, Mary, now give us Old Zip Coon!" That memory brings a smile, e'en though long years have passed since that sweet June-time. Then there were the two "old folks" who ever had a cordial welcome for their sometime guest; and of the workmen on the new barn in process of building then, my memories are varied; there was the old sea-captain, who was a perfect weather prognosticator, the tall, sandy-complexioned man, and the dark, squarely built one—in my mind's eye I see them all. There, too, I see the old barn doors laid on the green, grassy lawn, where a slight, dark-eyed maiden and myself tripped lightly the mazy waltz over their weather beaten surface.

Just here comes the memory of another trip, taken a few years later on a dreary November day, to look our last on the cold marble face of that same sweet maid who had finished her earthly tasks and gone over the sunset bay. Then once again on a balmy day in mid-June, we hurriedly obeyed the summons to "come," and went to pay our last tribute of respect to the old man who had been wont to bid us such a kindly welcome at the close of many a pleasant journey to his door.

Ah! those are sad memories; yet truly the sky is blue ten times where it is black once, and there comes thronging over my mind so many sunny days I will not dwell on the cloudy ones. There was the drive to Canton and my first glimpse of a race course and horse trot. How they "poked fun" at poor me for my, to them, foolish questions! Then the jolly white-bearded old man with whom I bet the peanuts—the little black mare with white fore-feet won the race in spite of the long-striding bay and the grey with wonderful knee action—but alas! I never saw the old man again, nor, what was more to the point, the *peanuts either*. But the lovely time we had going home, though our leader did take us over a road that was rough, and hills that were both long and steep. There was never an apple since, that had the perfect toothsome flavor of the russets we ate while listening to the merry tunes the man ahead, who seemed a real live music box, whistled so spiritedly. There was the drinking dish made from birch bark, but the spring we didn't find. O, what a jolly day that was!

Then again comes a happy memory of how we started for the village on some errand and (was it a mistake?) got on the wrong road and climbed a long, long hill to give a merry greeting to a dear old friend whose black eyes twinkled at our account of wrong roads, etc. I can almost feel the loving squeeze she gave my hand as I leaned over the side of that yellow road cart, and almost see her shaking her head at us as we looked back when starting for that home in the valley again. Swiftly and silently the years have rolled by, yet methinks it would be pleasant to climb that winding hill again, for altho' Time has given a graver tone to our voices it has only strengthened our heart's affection.

Distinctly, too, do I remember a trip to B. on a frosty winter day in the long ago. The day previous, there had been a sleety storm freezing as it fell, and every tree and bush was loaded with jewels that glistened like diamonds in the shimmering sunshine. The sleighing was fine, our steed was a sleek coated, nimble stepping beast that enjoyed craunching the snow under his dainty shod heels. With the "gude mon" for company on that perfect mid-winter day, there was nothing to be desired. That visit was when "John" came across the field with his good, old mother, one moonlight evening, to celebrate his birthnight; and methinks he was beyond the fifty mark then, but the fire of youth shone in his eye and lent eloquence to his tongue, when he told us in the old countryman's phraseology, "How Ruby Played The Pianna." I have heard good elocutionists, but never one that could imitate, and seem so real in the delivery of a speech as this same "John" who is a familiar personage to the most of Oxford County people. His tongue has lost none of its glibness with the flying years, for a short time since, he again entertained us with the quaint dialect of the Kansas farmer, who claimed, "The Women did it," and would have us run and tell McKinley that they voted out in Kansas—but as he worded it, "voted *darn* near straight."

I might tell lots more of the pleasant memories of that time, made gay as it was with the rhythmic sound of piano and violin touched by no unskilled hand; but there comes a memory that is akin to tears, and I lay down my pen to take up my every day work, thanking God for the sweet Pleasure of Memory.

March 14, 1897.

Miss Florence Carter went to Swampscott, Mass., last week, where she will remain with her sister during the summer.

The director of the Bethel Chorus wishes to make the following explanation regarding the tickets for the concert: Let it be distinctly understood that the present honorary ticket will admit no one to the concert for April 6th, but those who have bought and paid for their honorary ticket will receive an admission ticket free, upon presentation to the director alone. Tickets on sale at Wiley's.

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EDITORIAL COLUMN

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT.

We beg leave to announce to our readers that since the last issue of the NEWS a change has taken place in its management; the junior partner, Mr. E. C. Bowler, having purchased the interest of Mr. A. D. Ellingwood.

It is not the purpose of the present management to make any radical changes, as the paper has, we feel, during the short period of its existence, won, through persistent application to the circumstances governing its growth, a position scarcely hoped for even by its most zealous and cordial supporters; and yet, believing that freedom from solicitude is a menace to any business enterprise, that failure to augment is but to deteriorate, no effort will be spared in the future to place before our appreciating and appreciated patrons a paper, second to none of its class in western Maine.

Seven months ago we knew nothing of Bethel nor its people, never having beheld its beauty nor breathed its delightful air, but upon coming to this pleasant spot which nature has so bountifully blessed with beauty and grandeur, we were at once led to feel that like the Arcadian peasants who peopled the little village of Grand Pre, Bethel's people were true and loyal citizens, appreciating full well the duties which spring from their relation to their fellow men, to society, to the State, and to God.

It is somewhat remarkable to note the progress that the BETHEL NEWS has made; starting as it did from the very bud less than two years ago, it has grown step by step until to-day, it has a right to claim standing room in the field of local newspapers in Maine. For this growth much credit is due its founder, Mr. A. D. Ellingwood, who so persistently surmounted the various difficulties which are wont to bestrew the pathway of one attempting to establish a village newspaper, and yet it is fitting to state, that its present standing is due largely to the true and loyal support which has been given it by the good citizens of Bethel and the surrounding towns; all have had the success of their paper at heart, and have been free to exert their influence and lend their assistance to promote its interests. Being indebted then as we are to our patrons for the standing which we are permitted to enjoy, we shall, in the future, exert every energy to serve the people, who have so generously cast their influence in our behalf. It will be our aim to place before our readers, a paper whichwill not only receive, but merit their support. That it has merited the support of its readers while managed by Mr. Ellingwood, none will question. His undivided energy has been devoted to its interests. And when the BETHEL NEWS shall have become permanently established beside her sister papers, if perchance she may be allowed so to do, may we ever remember that we owe much to him who so earnestly labored for its establishment.

THE EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL.

The announcement was made not long since that in March the NEWS Pub. Co. would begin the publication of an Educational Journal. This not having been done, some explanation is due. Realizing that excellence in one thing, is better than mediocrity in many, and feeling that dividing our energies would tend toward a less supply of nourishment to the NEWS, and desiring to see the NEWS continue its growth until it shall occupy the position in the front ranks, which its friends desire to see it occupy, we have thought best to postpone the publication of this Journal.

GIVE IT YOUR SUPPORT.

With the present number of the BETHEL NEWS the business of the News Publishing Company passes into the hands of Mr. E. C. Bowler, who since last September has owned a half interest in the business.

We wish to take this opportunity of giving expression to our sincere appreciation of the liberal support and help the citizens of Bethel have given us, and the kindly interest they have shown in the NEWS since the beginning of its publication, June 5, 1895.

The establishment of a paper in Bethel was something of a venture, and it was done against the advice of many, who considered it doubtful if such an enterprise could be made a pecuniary success with the competition it must brave. But from the first the paper received the cordial co-operation and good will of the people, and to-day it holds a recognized place among Oxford county papers, and it is regarded as being as much a necessary fixture in Bethel as any of the long established institutions, of whatever character, in the town.

We earnestly bespeak for Mr. Bowler, the new editor, the support and friendly interest we have always received from the NEWS readers, and can assure them that he will do all in his power to merit it, and to make the paper a welcome weekly visitor. He comes to Bethel well recommended, being a graduate of Castine Normal school, and for years a successful worker, both as teacher and superintendent, in our public schools.

We shall always feel the liveliest interest in the success of the NEWS, and the kindliest regard for the people of the quiet, beautiful little mountain-circled town where we have spent two pleasant, prosperous years.

A. D. Ellingwood.

The Dingley tariff bill will meet its chief perils in the Senate. There, unfortunately, every individual senator has the power to "hold up" the bill as long as he wishes, which usually is long enough to make some concession in which he or his constituents are interested.

TOWN TOPICS

Drama Tuesday night.

Mr. J. W. Day of Berlin, was in town last Monday.

Mr. C. B. Frost of Hanover, was in town Monday on business.

Deputy Sheriff Penley went to Success, N. H., last Tuesday.

Miss Edith Abbott is attending school at Gould's Academy.

B. K. Frost of Hanover, was in town Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. F. I. Brown of So. Portland, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook.

There is a petition in circulation for another street lamp at the foot of High street.

A most welcome visitor arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gunther Tuesday. 'Twas a girl.

Do not fail to see the drama played next Tuesday evening, as it will be one of the leading events of the season.

The assessors of the Village Corporation have appointed H. C. Barker and John B. Chapman, corporation police.

The subject of the discourse at M. E. church next Sunday morning will be, "Why I Should Not be Ashamed of Christ."

Praying Band will hold a meeting at the school-house at North West Bethel, next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

J. M. Philbrook, who has recently purchased the property in which N. F. Brown's store is located, is having the same put into thorough repair.

A man can show as good a disposition by cleaning off the slop from the side walk in front of his house, as he can by putting ashes on the ice.

Mr. Wm. Emery of this place was married in Berlin last week to Miss Mary Bryant, of Errol, N. H. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. Brunning of Berlin. They will reside in Errol.

Ceylon Rowe received quite a severe injury last week from a stick of furnace wood which fell upon his foot. He has not been able to travel to and from his business since.

Mr. Hugh Pendexter of Lewiston, former assistant in the Norway High school, was in town Saturday. Mr. Pendexter is to be the principal of the Grammar school here this year.

The Ladies' Circle will have a sale of fancy work at Relief Corps Hall to-morrow afternoon and evening. A supper will be given in the evening. Tickets for supper fif-teen cents. All are invited.

Adna Tuell of Greenwood, sold his farm and farming tools at public auction, Tuesday. Part of the farm was bought by Mr. Frank Rich, the balance by Mr. C. Bisbee. Mr. Tuell will move to So. Paris.

The ladies will be pleased to learn that Miss Dearing is in Boston looking after their millinery interests. The spring violet has preceded her and is ready to give a touch of spring to your winter costumes.

The concert which was given Sunday evening at the M. E. church by the members of the Junior League was very interesting and did much credit to the little ones who took part in the programe.

The selectmen of Bethel have engaged Randall L. Cummings to take charge of the town farm for the ensuing year. C. C. Bryant, who has acted as superintendent for the past year, will return to his farm near East Bethel.

Maj. G. A. Hastings has been spending a few days at Wild River looking after his lumber interests. He and his son, D. A Hastings, are putting in about four thousand cords of spruce pulp wood besides a large amount of other lumber.

The members of the Good Templar's Lodge had a pleasant sleigh ride last Friday evening. After they returned and initiated Mr. Wilbert B. Baker into the order, cake, coffee, and confectionery were served. The entertainment for the next meeting will be furnished by the gentlemen.

West Scarboro, Me., 1897.—My father has taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for Rheumatism and it has helped him very much, and my aunt has also taken it for the same disease. She was so that she could not dress herself on account of rheumatism, but she has received great benefit from Hood's Sarsaparilla. Mrs. Rosie Moulton.

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Whist Party.

In response to invitations sent out last Thursday by Mr. W. W. Hastings and Dr. C. D. Hill, over one hundred of Bethel's people met in Odeon Hall, Tuesday evening, for a few games of progressive whist, and when received and welcomed by their hosts all gave expressions of delight at the appearance which the hall presented. Many were heard to say, "Odeon Hall never looked more beautiful." It was dotted here and there with tables, twenty-four in number, tastily arranged, with a large one in the center beautifully decorated with flowers and richly laden with delicacies to satisfy the "inner man."

Shortly after eight, each was supplied with a ring containing his or her number, the number of the table, and 24 score ringlets. Their respective tables and partners were readily found, after which the signal was given and the evening's delight was begun. Happy were they, who by chance were permitted to occupy the head table; less happy, however, when, through the loss of but one point, it became their lot to take places at the booby table. So intent was each on adding as many ringlets as possible, that no pause appeared between the games, save at intervals when the luxuries of the center table were indulged in.

It is reported that Mr. E. S. Kilborn and Miss Lilian True carried away the honor of remaining for the longest time at the head table, while Mr. Edward King showed the largest number of ringlets upon his ring, he having sixty.

Space will not allow a report which would do justice to this party, hence will conclude with the sentiments of all present; "It was the most delightful affair of the winter."

The following were present:

Moses Mason, Claude Mills, S. N. Buck and wife, E. H. Young and wife, L. A. Hall and wife, Frank Merrill and wife, E. C. Bowler, W. D. Hastings and wife, N. E. Richardson and wife, J. C. Billings and wife, Dr. J. A. Twaddle and wife, A. M. True, Robert Foster, B. C. Snyder, R. H. Carter, Edward King, Marshall Lawrence, S. A. Pratt, Mrs. E. S. Kilborn, H. W. Small, Sam Gibson, H. M. Farwell, Mrs. Enoch Foster, Mrs. Ella Carter, Mrs. Betsy Swift, Mrs. Ava Finney, J. B. Chapman and wife, G. R. Wiley and wife, E. C. Rowe and wife, T. F. Hastings and wife, Fritz Tyler and wife, F. H. Young and wife, W. H. Young and wife, D. C. Philbrook and wife, M. W. Chandler and wife, W. F. Lovejoy and wife, J. H. Barrows and wife, F. L. Edwards and wife, C. L. Davis and wife, G. A. Plaisted and wife, W. F. Kendall and wife, Ben. Goodwin, E. M. Simpson, E. M. Walker, Percy Bartlett, A. W. Meserve, Bertha Wiley, Joan Stearns, Edith Walker, Mary H. True, E. E. Burnham, Ella Eames, Jane Gibson, Martha Gibson, Lilian True, Jessie Philbrook, Mollie Chapman, Eva Barker, Maud Pratt, Alice Billings, Emma Jones, Mary Wiley, Edith Grover, Annie Frye, Fannie Mason, Gilman Chapman, Chas. Kimball, Chas. Chute, A. D. Ellingwood, Durwood Mason, F. A. Little, S. S. Mason and wife.

Later.

In deference to the Hose Co., Mrs. Gehring will postpone her proposed Benefit until Friday evening.

ACADEMY NOTES.

The spring term began Tuesday, March 16. The day was anything but spring-like, however.

Blanche Ripley is to teach this spring in Rumford. Miss Ripley has had quite an extended experience in teaching.

Miss Florence Carter, of the junior class, went to Boston last week. She has found employment there for a time.

The library has been fitted up with a new supply of magazines and papers.

The Herald is to be issued this term by the same editorial board. It will appear toward the last of the term.

Teachers and scholars are glad to welcome Miss Alice Mason of Mt. Desert and Miss Marjorie Burgess, of Andover.

Miss Vera Merrill, of W. Bethel, who was a member of the school last year is back again this term.

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This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and internal misery only a dyspeptic can know, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling and builds up and sustains the whole physical system. It so promptly and efficiently relieves dyspeptic symptoms and cures nervous headaches, that it seems to have almost "a magic touch."

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March.

In the snowing and the blowing,
In the cruel sleet,
Little flowers begin their growing
Far beneath our feet.

Softly taps the Spring, and cheerly,—
"Darlings, are you here?"
Till they answer, "We are nearly,
Nearly ready, dear."

"Where is Winter, with his snowing?
Tell us, Spring," they say.
Then she answers, "He is going,
Going on his way.

"Poor old Winter does not love you;
But his time is past;
Soon my birds shall sing above you;—
Set you free at last."

Mary Mapes Dodge.

Missed.

The following poem came into the office some time ago, but by some means was misplaced, and therefore did not receive publication.—[ED.]

A narrow mound of fresh heaped earth
In yonder grave-yard see;
Beneath that mound one lies asleep
Who erst was all the world to me.

She was my humble home's sweet light,
The darling of my heart.
O Death, my earthly joys took flight,
When thou didst bid us part.

Ah, how I miss her—words are vain,
Grief is not measured so,
Deep in the heart its stabs of pain
Of sorrows tide the ebb and flow.

I miss her when the Morning swings
Her golden gateway open wide,
When Day floats in on azure wings,
And she is absent from my side.

I miss her when the noontide gold
Its radiance spreads o'er all,
Or when beneath night's starry fold
The gathering shadows fall.

I miss her, oh, I miss her so,
What time or place it matters not,
Where'er my wandering footsteps go,
Or strays one sad and lonely thought.

They say she lives in some bright sphere,
Beyond the reach of earthly ill,
But oh, for her sweet presence here
My empty home again to fill.

Her form beneath the damp earth lies
Deep in her lowly flower-draped bed,
To fair to hide from earthly eyes,
My darling sweet, my beauteous dead.

And now full oft my sad thoughts, seek
That lonely earth built mound,
Yet nevermore her cold lips speak,
Or give me answering sound.

For she is dead my love is dead,
Oh, thought unmeasured in its pain,
Not all the tears of grief I shed
Shall bring her to my arms again.

N. S. Baker

STATE NEWS.

Mrs. Charles Walker, wife of Postmaster Walker, of Lewiston, died suddenly of apoplexy Wednesday afternoon.

Ira B. Northey, late deputy warden of the State prison, is about to leave Thomaston for Machias, where he will open a clothing store.

Hon. Arthur Sewall of Bath, accompanied by his brother, Frank Sewall, sailed from New York, Wednesday, for a pleasure trip to Panama.

An evaporator for turning salt water into fresh, for use on long voyages has been placed on the big schooner, N. T. Palmer is building at Bath. This is the first one ever put on board a schooner.

The warships, Texas and Maine, went to sea Thursday. An incident of the Maine's visit to New Orleans was the presentation of a loving cup to the vessel by natives of Maine living in New Orleans.

Miss Elinore Bartlett the Gardiner cancatrice, is pursuing her vocal studies under Miss Clara Munger of Boston. It is announced that Miss Bartlett will be one of the soloists on Maine Day at the forth-coming Festival.

At the annual town meeting of Foxcroft the offer made several weeks ago by Dr. E. A. Thompson to build a library building, costing not less than $5,000 and to endow it with $10,000, provided the town furnished a lot, was accepted.

Will Small had a queer freak of nature at his farm in the western part of the town of Pittsfield. He had two small pigs that had forelegs shaped like the arm of a human being, and forefeet resembling perfectly shaped hands and fingers.

Gov. Powers has appointed Hon P. O. Vickery, of Augusta as resident trustee of the Maine Insane Hospital. Mr. Vickery is founder of the great publishing house of Vickery and Hill. He has been mayor of that city three successive terms and served with distinction in the legislature.

The forty-seventh anniversary of the arrival in Portland of the distinguished choral conductor and musician, Mr. Hermann Kotschmar, was celebrated in Portland on Saturday last. A fitting recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Kotschmar to the cause of music in Maine, was then made in a surprise musical given at his home.

The arrest of the Portland dealer, who was charged with selling beef taken from animals condemned as diseased with tuberculosis, will result in the introduction of a bill in the Legislature, compelling the cattle commissioners of this state to inject into the carotid artery of all animals pronounced effeced twith the disease, sufficient kerosene to penetrate every vein and tissue of the carcass. The act further provides, that all such animals shall be killed within twenty-four hours and be buried to a depth of four feet in earth, or reduced within forty-eight hours to a merchantable fertilizer.

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Children's Column.

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We solicit letters for this column from the children; also riddles, anecdotes, and whatever may be deemed of interest to the young folks.

How the Twins Kept House.

BY MRS. S. K. EDDY.

Their names were Flora and Frank they lived in the country; so much in the country that they couldn't make their neighbors hear even if they shouted till they were hoarse. One day in June their papa and mama went to town and left them to keep house. "Take good care of everything," they said, "and we will be home before dark."

Now these little folks, though only ten years old, had learned to be very independent, as country children are, and they felt sure they could do almost as well as bigger people; they even planned to do something extra, as a surprise. Flora who had a great idea of being neat, said, "I'm just going to empty those lamps and give them a good washing before I fill them." So she put on a big apron, and, though there was less fun in it than she supposed, she felt very proud as she stood them bright and shining on the shelf. "Now, Frank" said the little housewife, "you go for a pail of water while I make the beds, and then we'll both get dinner."

The water had to be brought from a spring out of sight of the house, and when Frank got there he thought of his playmate who lived in the next farm-house, and remembered the new foot-ball they had such fun with, and this little son of Adam thought to himself, "If I just hustle we'll have a good game before Flo' misses me." So, leaving his pail at the spring, over the hill he went.

Was Flora lonesome left to herself? Not a bit. She heard the cluck of the old mother hen in the yard, and the birds in the porch calling "Phoebe!" to each other; besides she was so busy she forgot she was alone, forgot everything but her work, until the smell of smoke sent her flying down stairs.

The sight she saw would have frightened a much older girl, for a bit of fire had snapped out from the stove and lighted on a cloth she had used about the lamps, and there was a little pile of burning cloth and a smoking chair and not an atom of water to pour on. She called the truant Frank, but he and everyone else were beyond hearing. Could she wait to bring the water? No, the whole room would be in flames. She went straight to the pantry, lifted down a pan of milk and threw the contents on to the very spot to put out the fire. She even made it more sure by using a second panful, and then, like a woman-child, she sat down and cried—and so Frank found her when he came home.

When the papa and mama came they were so glad they still had a house and both children that you may be sure they hugged their brave little girl. When they asked her how she came to think of putting the fire out with milk, Flora said: "O, I just thought fast of every *wet* thing in the house, for I knew there wasn't any water, and all I could think of was molasses and vinegar and kerosene and—milk, and I knew that was the best.

The best part of this story, children, is that it is true, and the real little girl who acted as fireman, without a bit of water, lived in Onondaga county.—Normal Instructor.

North Newry, Me., Feb. 25, 1897.

Dear Editor:-

I wrote to you last winter and you were so kind as to print it, so I think that perhaps I ought to write again.

My little brother wrote to you a short time ago, but we have not seen his letter in print yet.

I do not wonder that some of the letters have to wait as you have so many sent in.

My brother and I enjoy reading the "The Children's Column" very much, especially the letters describing one's home. We all think the NEWS a nice paper. We enjoy reading Col. Edwards' "War Reminiscences" very much. I am not going to school now as it closed over a month ago. My teacher's name was Miss Bessie Searle. I liked her very much. I like to go to school very much. I intend going at Gould's Academy. I have four brothers, and only two of them are at home.

My oldest brother, George, graduated from Gould's Academy in '94. He is now in Lancaster, Mass. I am twelve years old and three of my brothers are older, but Fred is younger than myself. My grandfather, who lives with us, is almost eighty-six years old. As I don't think of any more this time, I will close.

Yours truly,
Carrie M. Wight.

Norway, Me., Feb. 27, 1897.

Dear Editor:-

My papa takes the BETHEL NEWS, and I am interested in the "Children's Column." I saw by your paper that you offered a prize to the one who got the most words out of "Children's Column."

I used to live at Bethel so I am interested in the paper. I have for pets; two cats and a canary-bird. My sister and I go to school My teacher's name is Miss Laferier. I like her very much. I study reading, arithmetic, history, geography, spelling, and grammar. I cannot think of any thing more to write this time. I will write again if this does not go into the waste-basket. I will close with a conundrum. "Why is the fifteenth letter in the alphabet like a denial?"

Your little friend,
Winona L. Edwards

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PROBATE NOTICES.

Joshua G. Rich, late of Bethel, deceased, petition for appointment of administrator presented by Harriet N. Rich, widow.

Thomas N. MayConnell, late of Bethel, deceased, petition for appointment of adminstrator filled by Flora A. MayConnell, widow.

Probate Notices.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the BETHEL NEWS, newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1897, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

David M. Grover, late of Bethel, deceased, first and final account presented for allowance by Darius H. Grover, administrator.

Seward S. Stearns, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
Albert D. Park, Register.



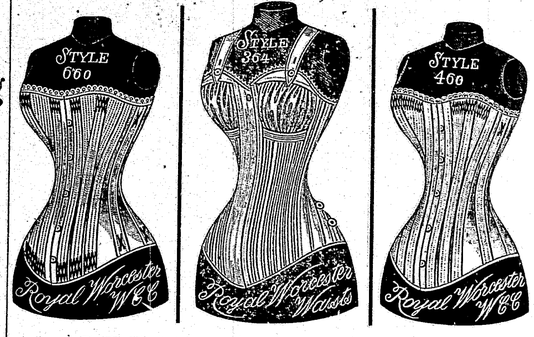
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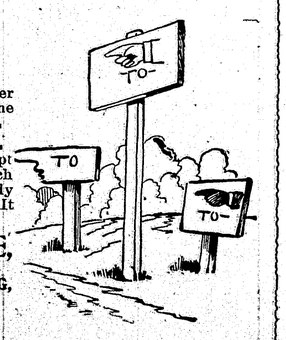
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Short Paragraphs Collected by Our Correspondents, for the NEWS.

To Correspondents.—

Each week we are obliged to omit items from these columns owing to their coming in too late for publication, and to avoid this we respectfully ask that all items be sent so that we may receive them as early as Tuesday morning.

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance that our correspondents have given us in the past, and earnestly request that they continue to assist us in the future.

WEST BETHEL.

—March winds around us are humming,
Night-frosts infiltrate the ground;
But spring time is already coming,
Soon blossoms and bees will a bound.

Just one more week of stormy March.

Colds and influenza are now raging.

Practical jokers are already planning for "All Fool's Day."

Blue-birds and robins will soon be with us again, with their sweet music.

Don't say "I told you so," for two to one you have never said a word about it.

It is hoped that spring will soon settle down to regular business, and unloose the mountain streams.

We have some smart girls in this village. One was out Friday on snow-shoes, with dog and gun.

W. Frank Brown and wife of Bryant's Pond, came to Bethel Saturday on business, and are visiting her brother, L. D. Grover.

Mrs. Eunice R. Roberts was called to Gorham, N. H. on Thursday last, by the sudden illness of her daughter and only child, Mrs. Lillie M. Goodno.

If everybody in the world should decide to mind their own business, very many people would be out of employment, and not know what to do with themselves.

WILSON'S MILLS.

J. W. Sewall of Bangor and Mr. Peaslee of Upton were in town Friday.

O. B. Brown, of the Berlin Mills Co., has given forty thousand feet of lumber for the bridge.

Rev. Mr. Stilson of Dummer, N. H., held a meeting at F. A. Flint's Sunday. There were but few present, on account of the severe snow storm.

Town meeting was held at the school-house last Friday. The following officers were elected: Moderator, J. W. Clark; clerk, R. A. Storey; assessors, R. A. Storey, F. A. Flint, S. W. Bennett; treasurer, J. C. Bean; collector, R. S. Bean; constable, E. S. Bennett; member of school board, John Olson; health officer, N. K. Bennett; surveyor of lumber, S. W. Bennett. Voted to raise $500,00 towards building bridge; $100.00 for road money; $100 to defray town charges, and money for school and books.

NORWAY.

Mrs. Herman Howe has returned from New York, where she has been a guest of Prof. and Mrs. Chapman.

Mr. Thompson's remains arrived by special train from California, Sunday, and will be interred in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Last Thursday evening the "Colby Glee Club" gave a concert of great merit at the Congregational church. Many of the members were heartily encored.

Friday evening the "Bates Athletic Association" gave a concert and exhibition at the Opera House. The members showed thorough drill and received much praise from the audience.

Mr. Frank Kimball has purchased Mr. Hubbard's house and will soon remove his family here from Woodsville N. H. Norway people give them a most cordial welcome as they were former residents of this village.

The Festival rehearsals are held Monday evenings and none of the enthusiasm, which was a marked feature at first, has decreased. This auxiliary is very fortunate in its leader, Rev. Mr. Carroll who is eminently fitted for the position in every way.

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GROVER HILL.

Several are engaged in rug making at present.

Mrs. G. M. Pratt paid a recent visit at Auburn.

Mr. J. M. Philbrook was in Augusta recently.

Mr. J. B. Peaslee was also sick for a few days last week.

Eli Barker bought a cow of A. L. Whitman, last Saturday.

Miss Marion E. Bennett is suffering from an attack of neuralgia.

Mrs. Mabel Hutchinson was at her father's, Sunday.

Miss Maud Ava Bartlett, is enjoying a few weeks vacation at home.

Mrs. May R. Bartlett is enjoying a few days at Bethel Hill, with friends.

Miss Maud A. Bartlett has obtained a desk by selling soap for the Larkin Co.

Randall Cummings' family has been visited by the grip or the prevailing distemper.

We learn that Miss Alice Russell has been engaged to teach the spring term in our district.

Miss H. M. Littlehale, Portland, sent her little cousin, Carle J. Stearns, a lovely 1897 calendar. "Gems from Lowell."

GREENWOOD.

Greenville Whitman is very sick.

G. C. Cole's family are all sick with the prevailing distemper.

F. L. Willis came near losing his right hand on his board saw, the other day.

Most of our lumbermen are winding up in the woods, as this soft weather is bad for them.

J. R. Foster is making preparations to put a new roof on his barn. He talks of covering it with steel.

There is to be a sociable and supper at Sylvester Cole's this Saturday evening, the proceeds to go towards the organ.

J. C. F. Roberts finished hauling wood to West Paris and is hauling spruce to the mill to build an addition to his barn.

HANOVER.

The sick people are all improving.

Harry Staples is breaking his colt.

Henry Howe has been drawing birch to Milton.

Charles Powers and wife were in town Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Holt's mother is taking care of her at present.

Mrs. Anson Hayford had a growth cut from her eye-lid by Dr. Hill.

Gene Twitchell will move onto the Simmons' place in season to cut the grass.

George, Beulah, and Stella Bartlett have been taking a turn at chicken pox.

It don't look as though there would be six week's sledding in March this year.

Mrs. Otis Hayford is doing very nicely after a successful operation performed by Dr. Hill.

Anderson Saunders has gone back to his labors in Tacoma, Washington, after a vacation of about two months.

Charlie Saunders has been drawing logs to the saw-mill with a yoke of steers that are less than a year old, but one would have thought them oxen, he has trained them so nicely. He is a smart, enterprising boy.

DENMARK.

Mrs. A. H. Witham still continues to fail.

It is very sloppy, yet the sleighing is quite good.

Repairs are being made on the Congregationalist parsonage.

We are pained to learn that Mrs. Erastus Deering is very low.

Perley Rankin's little baby boy died March 18th, aged five weeks.

Miss Lill Cheney, went to Lynn Monday, where she has a brother.

Mr. Witham's son Enos, of Boston is visiting him.

Fernando Witham and wife visited his sister in Limington, Saturday.

Will Lord of Boston visited his sisters, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Belcher, last week.

E. Pendexter caught four pickerel Saturday, out of Little Pond, weighing fourteen pounds.

Geo. Orcutt of Vermont, a brother of Sidney Orcutt of our town, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Myron Bacon sold his horse to H. Witham last Friday, and on Saturday he and his wife went to Western, Mass., where they have a job on a gentleman's farm.

Dist. Deputy Ayer of Cornish, accompanied by Bro. Parker made an official visit at Mt. Moriah Lodge of F. and A. M., Wednesday evening of last week; a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

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NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. F. Brown of East Bethel was in town last week.

Willie Walker had a dance at his home last Friday night.

We are all very much pleased to hear that Mr. Thompson is on the gain.

Miss Maenette Littlehale finished her school at Sunday River last Friday.

Miss Myra Libby has gone to Rumford Falls to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Richmond.

There will be a lyceum at the Branch school-house March 27. Mrs. H. F. Thurston has the paper.

MARSHALL HILL.

Crows are quite plenty.

Mr. Isaiah Hazeltine is on the sick list.

Fred Hazeltine went to Stoneham last Friday.

Mr. Chas. Grover called at Arriel Carver's one day last week.

Arriel Carver's family who have been sick with la grippe, are better.

Mr. Fred Hazeltine has returned home from Norway, where he has been visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lydia Fernald, visited at her daughter's Mrs. Lucien Andrews, recently.

Clarence Briggs visited his grandfather and grandmother, Mr and Mrs. J. H. Briggs, also his uncle Geo., last Saturday and Sunday.

MASON.

Miss Ella Tyler has returned from Harrison.

Leland Mills of Waterford was in town, Monday.

Arthur Tyler killed a beef for F. I. Bean, Monday.

Several in this place are quite sick with bad colds.

O. G. Mason is drawing his poplar to West Bethel

S. O. Grover has been hauling birch for Chas. Dunham.

Mrs. C. Bean of South Paris visited friends in this place the past week.

A. S. Bean has several teams drawing birch from this place to West Bethel.

NEWRY.

Eli Stearns from Bethel, was in this town yesterday.

Mr. Charles Widbur from Dixfield was in town last week.

Will Walker had a dance last Friday night.

Clarence Bailey is at home from Mechanic Falls, where he is learning the machinist's trade.

Miss Effie J. Thurston gave a birthday party last Thursday night. Every one present enjoyed themselves very much.

At a meeting of the incorporators of the Oxford Central electric railroad, held Thursday at the office of Freeland Howe in Norway, the following board of officers were elected: Pres. F. C. Wilson, Boston; Clerk, Freeland Howe, Norway; Treasurer, S. S. Stearns, Norway; Attorney, J. S. Wright, So. Paris; Directors—Fred C. Wilson, Boston; E. W. Eastman, Auburn; Freeland Howe, Norway; L. H. Burnham, Albany; Col. A. S. Hapgood, Waterford; B. G. McIntire, Waterford; Jonathan Bartlett, Stoneham.

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There will be an "Orange Tea" at the Universalist Chapel this evening from 6 to 7.30 followed by a short programme. Hot rolls and salads will be served.

The members of the W. C. T. U. met at the Universalist Chapel, Tuesday afternoon in honor of Gen. Neal Dow, "The Grand Old Man of America," who has just passed the anniversary of his ninety-third birth-day. A programme applicable to the life of one of the most noted temperance workers of the age was fittingly observed.

Baucicault's famous romantic drama, "True Irish Heart," will be given in Odeon Hall, Tuesday evening, March 30, under the auspices of the Volunteer Hose Co. Among those specially engaged may be mentioned Miss Abbie M. Woodman, Mr. L. L. Greene, and Mr. Charles H. Monroe. This drama is a very strong one and will be interspersed with singing, dancing, and musical specialties.

CITY OF BERLIN, N. H.

The roads are very bad about town.

Frank Tibbets has returned from Groveton.

O. H. Owens took a flying trip to Boston, recently.

Geo. Philbrook was up from Gorham, Sunday.

L. J. Cote is rushing work on his block on Main St.

The G. T. R. are running a number of specials the past week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dresser last Saturday.

Mr. W. L. Taylor of Lynn, is in town repairing machinery at the shoe-shop.

It is reported that some money was lost here on the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight.

Scott Wells of Woodsville, conductor on the Boston and Maine, was in town over Sunday.

The Armour Beef Co., have had a man here looking around for a place to build a store house.

C. C. Gerrish & Co. served free dainty foods in their store last Saturday afternoon as an advertisement.

Mrs. W. J. Morse of Gorham, who has been in town a few days, was taken sick last Sunday. She is much better now.

Mike Maloney has moved into his new quarters. He has a nice little store, and should get his share of the patronage.

True reports of the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight were secured round by round at the billiard rooms around town last Wednesday.

McNamara Bros., who have been lead burning at the Burgess Sulphite Co. Mill, have their job nearly completed, and will return next Thursday.

W. L. Tiffany of Boston took a short trip in the woods last week. He had never been there before, and said he was very much pleased with his little trip.

The Peoples' Clothing Co., have taken out their two front windows, and have made one larger one, having the entrance on the side. Joe is a hustler, and knows how to make business.

There have been a few different parties here looking over the field for a newspaper. There is no reason why a *good* paper ought not to pay here, and probably before long a paper will be started.

Mr. Glugg, who was the proprietor of the Berlin Bargain Clothing Co., which was burned at the recent fire in Cote block on Main St., while walking on upper Main St, Saturday night, was taken ill and dropped to the ground in front of the Sinclair House, and when assistance arrived, he was unconscious. He was moved to the Androscoggin Hospital and inside of an hour's time, died. The doctors say it was heart failure, probably caused by excessive cigarette smoking. Mr. Glugg had not settled up with the insurance company, and that probably worried him to quite an extent. He run a store in North Stratford, where he lived. He leaves a wife and family.

O. B. Brown came down river last Sunday.

H. H. Hindle was up from Gorham last Sunday.

Several of our citizens are prostrated with la grippe.

Horace Frost came down from the lakes last Friday.

The several schools close Friday for two weeks vacation.

The several churches celebrated Neal Dow's birthday last Sunday.

Walter Abbott of Norway is visiting friends in the city this week.

Geo. Oleson is home from Grafton, where he has been working this winter.

Judge Rich and wife were made happy by the arrival of a little daughter last Saturday morning.

From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cold and cough left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, editor *Daily Advertiser*. For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

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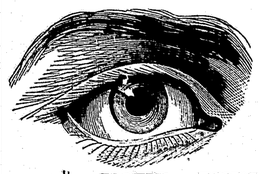
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TOWNS AROUND.

Deferred Correspondence.

GROVER HILL.

Roads are poor in this section.

Mrs. Olive Grover is quite poorly this spring.

J. D. Bartlett and son Eddie were at Levi Bartlett's, Tuesday.

L. N. Bartlett and son went after a load of saw-dust, Monday.

Miss Marion E. Bennett is visiting friends at Mechanic Falls.

Charles Murphy is boarding at John Peaslee's, we understand.

A. J. Peaslee bought eight good sheep at Newry Corner, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sawin of Albany, were guests at W. M. Brown's last Sunday.

Brown brothers are cutting birch, and A. J. Peaslee is hauling the same for E. S. Kilborn.

Mrs. A. V. Walker who has been staying with her son at Bethel Hill, has returned home.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

Byron Irish is painting for H. Mansfield.

George Pitman has gone to Jackson to work.

Charles P. Smith is attending school in Brownfield.

Leon Giles' family have recovered from the measles.

Willard Mansfield is confined to the house by rheumatism.

The Ladies' Circle met with Miss Mary Hastings, Wednesday, March 10.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McKeen have been visiting in Lovell for the last two weeks.

B. A. Smith and Alta Charles visited at A. Hamblen's in Lovell, Monday, March 8.

Mrs. Jennie Whittaker and two sons, from Conway, have been visiting in the place.

Elden and Dean Andrews, with their wives, visited relatives in Jackson, N. H., recently.

Mrs. C. Hastings has returned to her home in this place, after spending the winter in Massachusetts.

Mr. H. Pendexter and Mrs. E. C. Burnell of Hiram, visited their sister, Mrs. S. A. Smith, recently.

Our veteran stage driver, John Smith, is moving onto his place in Conway, having sold his coach to D. A. Wiley who is to have the stage route.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thayer of Brownfield, visited Mrs. Thayer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mansfield, a short time ago.

Will and Roy Sturdivant attend the spring term at the Academy. Alta Charles will attend the last half of the term.

The Stirling Literary Club meets with Mrs. W. J. Pitman, Tuesday, March 15. After the program, arranged for the day by Mrs. Emma Towle, and consisting of papers upon the life of A. Lincoln and quotations from his sayings, a club tea will be served.

The young people of this vicinity met at Mr. W. Sturdivant's, Saturday evening, March 13. Dancing and music were enjoyed until about ten o'clock, when ice cream and cake were served. Soon after the party returned to their homes thanking their hosts for a very pleasant evening.

GREENWOOD.

March weather; and the crows are already so numerous as to be no longer a novelty.

Hay is getting so scarce that many are buying straw for fodder, and it will be still more so before the middle of May.

We are now sure of our first three weeks of sledding in March, but there may be some question about the other three.

Four families about here are sick with the grip, the most of them convalescing at this writing. Some have been very sick, but no fatal cases.

Venus shines forth in the west on every fair evening like the great Mogul diamond, and what a splendid appearance she makes when in conjunction with the moon.

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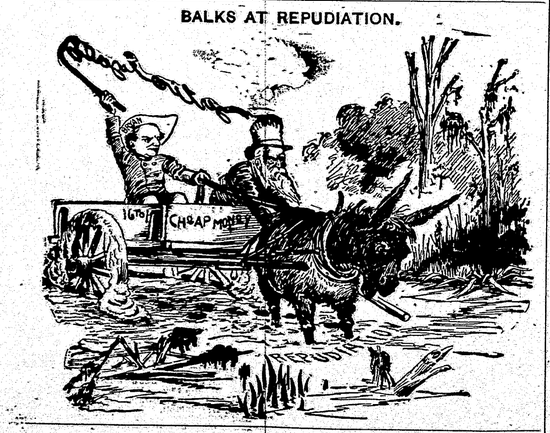
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Though many differ with Pres. McKinley on matters of tariff and finance, yet all should give him a hearty accord on his policy of protecting Americans and American's interests in Cuba. It is already noticed that there is a marked respect manifest for American citizens both at Havana and Madrid.

Just Now.

Now is the time when every youth
Who thinks that he can sing,
Tunes up his pen and starts in on
A poem to the Spring.
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SPANIARDS DEFEATED.

Gen. Gomez's Forces Inflict a Defeat.

ROUTED A COLUMN OF THE ENEMY 2.000 STRONG.

The News Creates Great Excitement at Havana—Noise of Another Big Battle Heard in the City.

New York, March 18.—A Sun special from Havana says that a big battle has been fought at Sababa, near Sanneti Spiritus, between the forces of General Gomez and a Spanish column 2,000 strong. The Spanish official report of the battle gives no detail, but the report is current that the Spaniards suffered a terrible defeat.

The news has created a great sensation. The Governor of Havana, Senor Porrua, has been recalled to Madrid at the request of General Weyler.

In Havana it is admitted that the expedition of Gen. Roloff landed in Pinar del Rio with 8,000 guns and ammunition and the steamer started for some other port of the island.

Another Important Engagement.

New York, March 18.—A special from Havana says: Firing was heard in the direction of Guanabacoa all last night. At midnight flames were seen in that direction. It is rumored that Gen. Rodriguez's band made another daring attack upon the place and raided the interior of the city and burned three houses occupied by Spanish officers. It is supposed the object was to capture some of the leading officers and much excitement exists. The fighting is said to have continued all night. At times the firing was heavy, indicating that large forces were engaged.

Another American to be Released.

Havana, March 18.—The Supreme Court has dismissed the case of Chas. Scott, an American arrested recently on the charge of having Cuban postage stamps in his possession. It is expected he will be released tomorrow.

LOST BOTH LEGS.

Probably Fatal Accident to W. J. Hudson, Maine Central Brakeman, at Portland.

Portland, Mar. 16th.— Winfield J. Hudson, aged twenty-five, a brakeman employed by the Maine Central, while engaged shackling cars at 11 o'clock last night at the gas house crossing in this city, slipped on a piece of ice and fell under the car. The wheels passed over both legs below the knee, crushing them so badly that they had to be amputated. His recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Beecher's Funeral.

New York, March 11. Guarded by members of the Thirteenth Regiment, the body of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher lay in state through this morning at the Plymouth church, Brooklyn. Hundreds of persons came in from the busy street and gazed reverently into the coffin, which was almost covered with violets and orchid leaves.

The funeral services of Mrs. Beecher were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott who was assisted by several other clergymen of Brooklyn. The church was decorated with palms, potted plants, and cut flowers, by the flower committee of the church. None of the relatives wore mourning out of respect for the expressed wishes of the dead woman. At the conclusion of the services the body was buried beside that of Mr. Beecher in Greenwood Cemetery.

They Wouldn't Hear Him.

Angie invited her young man to supper. Everything passed off harmoniously until the seven-year old brother broke the blissful silence by saying:

"Oh, ma, yer oughter seen Mr.—the other night when he called to take Angie to the drill. He looked so nice sittin' longside of her with his arm—"

"*Fred!*" screamed the maiden, quickly placing her hand over the boy's mouth.

"Yer oughter seen him," continued the presistent informant after gaining his breath. "He had his arm—"

"*Freddie!*" shouted the mother, as, in her frantic attempt to reach the boy's auricular appendage, she upset the contents of the tea-pot.

"I was only just going to say," the half-frightened boy pleaded, between a cry and an injured whine, "he had his arm—"

"*John,*" thundered the father, "leave the table!"

And the boy did so, exclaiming as he went, "I was only going to say Mr.—had his *army* clothes on, and I leave it to him if he didn't."

The National House passed the agricultural appropriation bill Saturday, also the Indian appropriation bill.

RUSH OF OFFICE SEEKERS.

The Callers at the White House Yesterday Were Legion.

Washington, March 17.—The rush of Senators, Representatives and office seekers in the White House was seemingly greater today than it has been at any time since Mr. McKinley was inaugurated. People packed the reception corridor outside the rooms of the President, and Secretary Porter, and the passage through the hall was decidedly uncomfortable. About half past twelve the door of the President's room was thrown open and those whose patience had not become exhausted filed in.

This proved to be an effective method of disposing of the crowd. Few people had the courage to attempt to monopolize the President's attention with a crowd of importunate citizens standing behind them, and as a result, Mr. McKinley managed to see everybody and get to his luncheon on schedule time.

It is reported that ex-Congressman Kiefer of Minnesota has been selected for the position of commissioner general of immigration.

It is reported from Berlin, that Germany is watching President McKinley's movements with considerable anxiety. The German trade with the United States has assumed enormous proportions and the cost of shipping between Bremen and New York is cheaper than the railway rates between Liverpool and London. The chief article of import from America is petroleum and already the Germans are prudently considering where they can turn for it should the customary market fail. Russia supplies a small porportion as it is, and Rumania could be very soon worked to make up most of the deficiency. Another fear is that harbor dues will be imposed on German vessels in American waters.

$2000 Blaze at Springvale.

Springvale, Mar. 16th.— The house and stable of A. C. Boothby of Springvale, were burned at 5 o'clock, Tuesday morning. The fire was caused by the fall of a lamp, which broke. The fire apparatus was out of order and did poor service. Loss, $2000; insurance, $1000.

Oliver Optic Dying.

Boston, March 17.—William T. Adams, the author, widely known by his non de plume "Oliver Optic," is very ill at his residence in Dorchester, and his physicans express the opinion that he can live but a day or two. He is in his 75th year.

A. L. GOSS, LEWISTON, DEAD.

Lewiston, Mar. 16th.— A. L. Goss of the A. L. & E. F. Goss Co., died suddenly last evening. Owing to sickness he had been unable to attend to his business for several months.

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AWFUL FLOOD.

THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Many People Have Perished and Worse Fatality May Follow.

Memphis, March 19,—A further half inch rise in the Mississipi, means devastation of property and probably loss of life unequaled in flood history of this section. The rise is threatened because rain is still falling. Seventeen persons are reported drowned fifty miles below Caruthersville, Mo.

A stretch of country from a point 70 miles north of Memphis to a point fifty miles south of this city is submerged in places to a depth of ten feet. Fertile valleys of Tennessee and Arkansas are completely inundated. Many lives have been lost, much stock destroyed, dwellings have been swept away and inhabitants are destitute and homeless. Reports from tributary streams show the water is rising rapidly.

On island 39, one hundred sufferers and considerable live stock were rescued by steamer Itasci. Neither men or beast had tasted food for 24 hours. Human beings and helpless brutes are huddled together as best they may.

There were four additional cases of drowning across from Memphis today, a man and a woman and her infant.

Gavid, Ark., March 19.—For many miles the country is flooded and the water is up to the Iron Mountain tracks. Hundreds of section hands are striving to keep it back with dirt bags. The list of fatalities is said to be long.

LATEST FROM MEMPHIS.

Memphis, March 22.—The latest advices from the flooded country south of St. Louis show the situation is hourly growing worse.

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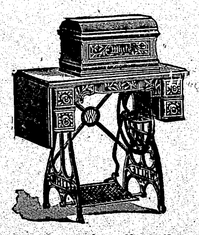
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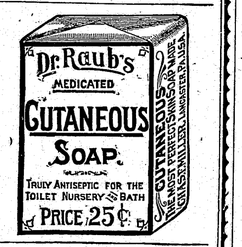
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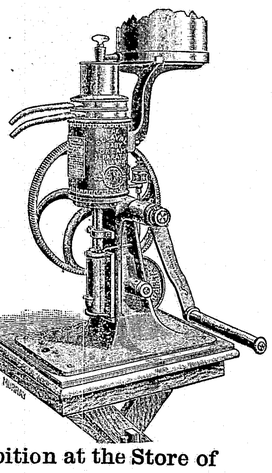
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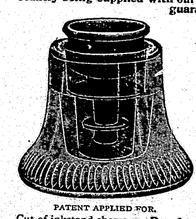
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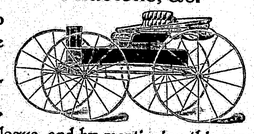
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